

[CHAPTER 587]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia”, approved February 27, 1929.

December 15, 1944  
[H. R. 3160]  
[Public Law 484]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 25 of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia”, approved February 27, 1929, is amended by striking out the following language in the first sentence of said section: “that he practiced the healing art under authority of said license for not less than two consecutive years immediately preceding the date of his application,” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “that he practiced the healing art after the issuance of said license for not less than one continuous year out of three years immediately preceding the date of his application”; and inserting after the words “District of Columbia.” at the end of the first sentence of said section the following: “The required one continuous year’s practice may be either private, institutional or governmental, or a combination thereof.”; and striking out the words “without examination” wherever they appear in the second and third sentences of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “under substantially the same terms and conditions”.

Healing Arts Prac-  
tice Act, D. C.,  
amendment.

45 Stat. 1335.  
D. C. Code § 2-121.

Reciprocal licensing  
provisions.

Approved December 15, 1944.

[CHAPTER 588]

AN ACT

To amend section 10 of the Act of March 3, 1925, entitled “An Act to provide for the regulation of motor-vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes”, as amended.

December 15, 1944  
[H. R. 3313]  
[Public Law 485]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 10 of the Act of March 3, 1925, entitled “An Act to provide for the regulation of motor-vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes”, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

District of Colum-  
bia Traffic Act,  
amendment.  
43 Stat. 1124.  
D. C. Code § 40-609  
note.

SEC. 10. (a) Any person operating a vehicle, who shall injure any person therewith, or who shall do substantial damage to property therewith and fail to stop and give assistance, together with his name, place of residence, including street and number, and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle so operated, to the person so injured, or to the owner of such property so damaged, or to the operator of such other vehicle, or to any bystander who shall request such information on behalf of the injured person, or, if such owner or operator is not present, then he shall report the information above required to a police station or to any police officer within the District immediately. In all cases of accidents resulting in injury to any person, the operator of the vehicle causing such injury shall also report the same to any police station or police officer within the District immediately.

Fleeing from scene  
of accident.

Report.

“Any operator whose vehicle causes personal injury to an individual and who fails to conform to the above requirements shall, upon conviction of the first offense, be fined not more than \$500, or shall be imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and upon the conviction of his second or subsequent offense, shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or shall be imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Penalties.  
Personal injury.

“Any operator whose vehicle causes substantial damage to any other vehicle or property and fails to conform to the above requirements, shall, upon conviction of the first offense, be fined not more

Property damage.

Operating vehicle  
while under influence  
of liquor or drugs.  
Penalties.

Revocation of per-  
mit.

Prosecutions under  
former laws.

than \$100, or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both; and for the second or any subsequent offense, be fined not more than \$300, or be imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.

"(b) No individual shall, while under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug, operate any vehicle in the District. Any individual violating any provision of this subdivision shall upon conviction for the first offense be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and upon conviction for the second or any subsequent offense be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of this paragraph involving the operator of a motor vehicle the clerk of the court shall certify forthwith such conviction to the designated agent of the commissioners who shall thereupon revoke the operator's permit of such individual.

"(c) Any violation of any provision of law or regulation issued thereunder which is repealed or amended by this Act, and any liability arising under such provisions or regulations may, if the violation occurred or the liability arose prior to such repeal or amendment, be prosecuted to the same extent as if this Act had not been enacted."

Approved December 15, 1944.

#### [CHAPTER 589]

#### AN ACT

December 15, 1944  
[H. R. 3621]  
[Public Law 486]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the regulation of motor vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes."

District of Colum-  
bia Traffic Act,  
amendment.

43 Stat. 1121.  
D. C. Code § 40-  
301 (a).

Operators' permits.  
Extension of val-  
idity for military per-  
sonnel, etc.

54 Stat. 1178.  
50 U. S. C. app.  
§§ 501-585; Supp. III,  
§ 501 *et seq.*  
*Ante*, p. 722.

57 Stat. 162.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, app. §§ 1471-1475.

Possession of last  
permit.

Evidence of service.

New permits.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 7 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the regulation of motor vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1925, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, further amended by adding at the end of said section 7 (a) the following:

"Any person who is a member of the military service of the United States or of any foreign nation with which the United States may be allied in the prosecution of any war and is entitled to any of the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, or who serves in the merchant marine as defined in the Act entitled 'An Act to provide reemployment rights for persons who leave their positions to serve in the merchant marine, and for other purposes', approved June 23, 1943, and who at the time of his entry upon such service was the holder of a valid permit to operate a motor vehicle in the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the subsequent expiration of such permit, shall be entitled to continue to operate a motor vehicle without obtaining a new permit therefor, subject to the conditions herein imposed. Such person shall, while operating a motor vehicle under the provisions of this Act, carry upon his person the last permit to operate a motor vehicle issued to him, which shall have been valid at the time of his entry into one of the services enumerated herein and shall not have been revoked or suspended subsequent thereto, and shall also carry upon his person conclusive evidence of the fact that he is a member of one of such services.

"Any person applying for a new permit to operate an automobile who presents conclusive evidence to the Director of Vehicles and Traffic that he is physically qualified to operate an automobile, that the last permit issued to him has become invalid solely by expiration of time, that he is a member of one of the services enumerated herein or was a member thereof within three months of the date of his